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For: HEAT PUMP APPARATUS AND OPERATING METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT in R.C.E.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An R.C.E. is submitted along with this paper.

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2010. No extension fee is due. However, this paper is a petition for an appropriate extension of time if needed, and any fees needed for such an extension of time, and any other fees which may be needed to enter this paper, to **Deposit Account No. 01-2340**.

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